

REMARKS

Claims 1-17 and 23-27 are pending in this application. Claims 23-27 are newly added as a result of the Supplemental Amendment. Claim 1 is the sole independent claim.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the various objections and rejections and allowance of claims 1-17 and 23-27 is respectfully requested.

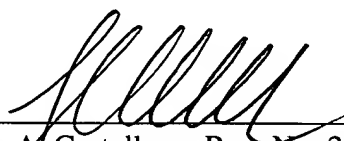
Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact John A. Castellano at the telephone number of the undersigned below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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